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Applicant: ROMAN SCHERTLER

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or about December 17, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 35-57.

(An unmarked version of the claims is attached to this Amendment.)

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Amend Claim 30 as follows:

30. (Three times amended) A vacuum chamber with at least two openings therein and a workpiece transport arrangement with which at least one workpiece within the chamber is selectively brought into a position adjacent to one of said openings, whereby the transport

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